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30-21 vote

Senate ratifies budget; Murphy quits Alliot

by
Michael J. Reardon
news editor

The senate passed the 1978-79 S.A. budget as submitted by the S.A. financial committee by a 30-21 vote with two abstentions Tuesday night.

Paula Murphy, chairman of the Alliot Governing Board, unexpectedly resigned during committee reports. She gave a heated declaration of her reasons for resigning.

Text of Resignation

To the members of the student association:

I, Paula E. Murphy, do hereby resign as chairman of the Alliot Governing Board. Out of due respect for the entire student senate, I feel that I must justify this.

I am resigning not for academic reasons, nor because it infringes upon my free time, but rather for the following reasons:

I no longer feel I can deal effectively, considering the fact that petty politics has become a game in the position. The job is no longer a reflection of my hope for student involvement, and appropriate activities for the entire student body.

Secondly, it has come to my attention that although I have not been confronted face to face, that there is no longer any trust among cabinet members. This has led to voices of disapproval in the way I have chosen to act in my chairmanship.

I also wish to add that I do not agree with Brian Rooke's desire to not only adjoin but ingroup the Alliot Governing Board under the direct power of the student association. I myself believe that Alliot should remain independent and in this way will better serve the entire student population.

In conclusion, I hope the senate will start paying more attention, asking more questions, and start investigating proposals put before you instead of accepting them just because they sound good.

Thank You.
Respectfully submitted,
Paula Murphy

S.A. Treasurer and financial committee Chairman Timothy P. Guidera presented the proposed budget. Arthur "Chip" Mitiguy, a senate proxy, amended the motion to allow representatives of specific organizations requesting funds to answer questions concerning their budgets. The amendment passed.

The Michaelman budget proposal of $6,800 was reviewed first. This involved a cut of 33 percent from last year's allocation. Student life committee chairman David Pellegrino yielded his seat to Robert P. Borquez, editor of *The Michaelman*.

Borquez argued that *The Michaelman* was cut disproportionately more than other clubs and organizations. He viewed this as a "veiled form of censorship of the press which is not only a threat to the integrity of *The Michaelman*, but also a threat to open, democratic policy-making at St. Michael's."

The cut was defended by Guidera based on the assumption that *The Michaelman* could obtain $2,000 more advertising than last year. The assumption that *The Michaelman* will get more national advertising, is improbable due to the small circulation of the paper.

The allocation is based on the printing of no more than 20 issues. This means there will be no paper after March 30, Borquez indicated.

Guidera refuted Borquez with the following:

— *The Michaelman* had representatives at the financial committee meetings and they offered no objections to the proposed budget.

— *The Michaelman* can make money in going from an 8-page to a 12-page paper by finding more advertising.

In comparing *The Michaelman* (circulation 2,000) with the University of Vermont's newspaper, *the Cynic*, (circulation 12,000), Borquez said *The Cynic* has no more than 10 percent national advertising and 90 percent local.

"If Bob (Borquez) can't go out and get 10 percent national ads, then it would be that much easier to get the local advertising," Guidera claimed.

A barrage of questions and answers followed the Borquez-Guidera confrontation.

Pellegrino pointed out that the proposed *Michaelman* budget is based on the assumption that the paper would obtain $4,500 in advertising. This is $1,500 more than has ever been raised by advertisements.

Pellegrino projected that if *The Michaelman* did not make the extra $1,500, the students "would be stuck without a paper."

He suggested an "insurance" fund be established "just in case" *The Michaelman* does not come up with the extra income. This money would come from a probably two or three thousand dollar surplus in the yearbook's budget from last year.

The WWPV budget proposal ($5,600) was reviewed next. This was cut $1,650 from last year. General manager Matt Bowen said the station needed more money but understood that the money "is not there."

The social committee budget proposal ($8,900), an increase of $1,100 from last year, was the object of some questions.

Breakdown figures were not available because, as Guidera stated, "it's hard to arrive at a basis for figures for the social committee ". . .a lot of their money is used for front money" or investment money to initiate various social functions.

Social Co-chairman Jill Moffitt attributed the spending to social activities such as the movie series, concerts, Winter Weekend and P-day.

Traditionally P-day has been free for the students, but Moffitt explained, "You people have to realize our committee is here to provide a service to the students . . .In the end, they (students) might be paying for P-day by not supporting us here (passing the proposed budget)."

The proposed executive board budget ($4,350), an increase of $750, was questioned on the issue of stipends.

The outing ($1,250) and drama ($880) clubs' proposed budgets were passed with little controversy.

Rooke concluded that the proposed-budget was passed by the financial committee by an overwhelming 15-1 vote, acting for the students in drafting the proposed budget.

This passing of the proposed budget occurred at the paradoxically private but open, off-the-record financial committee meeting that was covered by the Road Apple the next day. During this same meeting a *Michaelman* reporter was harassed because he was taking notes.

Organization	'77-78 allocations	'78-79 requests	'78-79 allocations
Drama Club	$ 725	$ 1,275	$ 880
Executive Board	3,600	5,743	4,350
Michaelman	10,300	11,500	6,800
Outing Club	725	1,806	1,250
Social Committee	7,800	11,200	8,900
WWPV-FM	7,250	8,600	5,600
All organizations	$30,400	$40,124	$27,780

Those who voted that the proposed budget should be accepted were: Lucille Palontonio, Tim Guidera, Chris Whelan, Bill Carey, Michael Lennin and Jill Moffitt, Kate Campbell, Alan Lareau, Michael Syverson, Eileen O'Brien, Wendy Martin, Mary Lou Burke, Sheila Archer, Joyce Caperono, Jackie Kirby, Linda Ruel, Pat Devan, Moira Murphy, Larry Johnson, George Cholakis, Mark Bouchard, Steve Keith, Dennis Winberry, Chip Mitiguy, Rich Vassallo, Bill Rick, Frank Furfaro, Janet Williamson, Kathy Griffin, Marc Koczwara and Chuck Wobby.

Those who voted no were: Larry Slamons, Mike Conway, Dave Pellegrino, Paula Devereaux, Randy Walker, Barbara Carvallo, Brian Foley, Bob Shepard, Jan Gochey , Michael Lannon, Tom Cushman, Debbie Dee, Jim Bonzagni, Joe Rivers, John Manchester, Dan Slavin, Mike Lavoie, Mary Gleason, Kathy Byrne and Molly Dwyer.

Those who abstained were: Bob Heroux and Dave Shannon.

the Michaelman apologizes for the deletion of one 'no' vote that could not be accounted for.

After the passing of the budget for the 1978-79 school year, students expressed varied opinions.

One senator, Tom Lampognana, stated, "*The Michaelman* sustained unjust cuts to its budget because of the rivalry that has existed between *The Michaelman* and the S.A. executive board, carried on from Dave Marchi's administration."

Tom Cushmn, senator from Nu House, said, "There was no reason given by the financial committee for a $3,500 decrease in *The Michaelman* budget except that advertising could compensate that (budget cut). However, *The Michaelman* should not be a shoppers' guide."

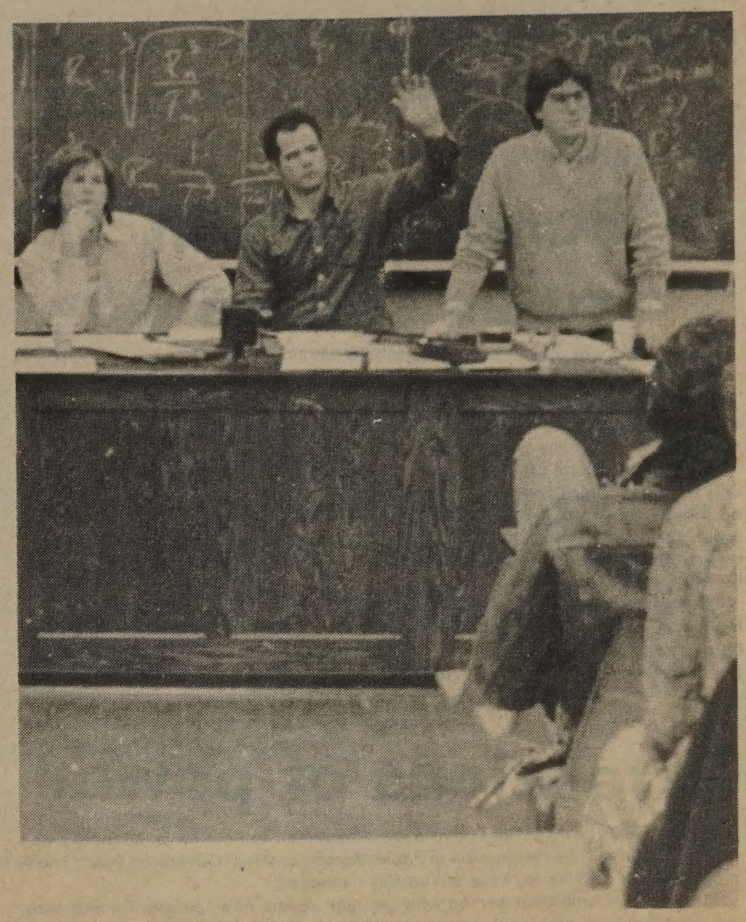
Mike Conway, chairman of the general services and welfare committee, said, "The senate did not vote in the best interest of the student body."

Chris Whelan, S.A. secretary, stated, "I regret that the S.A. doesn't have enough money to give everyone what they want. I regret that *The Michaelman* feels the way it does, but I'm convinced it can get by with a little extra effort on its part."

Rooke said, "I regret that there is so much opposition. I don't remember any budget ever being more scrutinized than this year's budget. This year there was a comprehensive assessment of every individual penny."

Rooke expressed an optimistic outlook towards coping with the budget and of upgrading the quality of the relationship between *The Michaelman* and the SA.

Under the social committee report, Jill Moffitt reported a loss of $3,000 on the Oct. 13 Jonathan Edwards concert. She attributed the loss to lack of student interest.



The S.A. Executive Board presiding over Senate debate concerning the 1978-79 S.A. budget. From left to right, Brian J. Rooke, president; Robert Heroux, vice president; and Timothy P. Guidera, treasurer. Photo by Brian J. Anders

Former Mobil Oil VP to speak at SMC this week

Dr. Dayton H. Clewell, former senior vice president for research and engineering for Mobil Oil, will be visiting St. Michael's College as a Woodrow Wilson visiting fellow from Sunday until Friday.

Dr. Clewell is on the board of directors of the Mobil Research and Development Corporation. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and the Commission on Natural Resources. He was a presidential appointee to the National Advisory Council on Oceans and the Atmosphere and has served on the committee on environmental affairs of the American Petroleum Institute.

Clewell joined Mobil Oil in 1956 after receiving his Master's degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1936. He retired in 1977.

The foundation chooses new fellows and colleges to participate every year. A college usually stays in the program for three years and has two or three fellows from different areas each year.

The visiting fellows program was established in 1973 to improve communication between college students and businesses. The program brings representatives of business, journalism, public service and other professions to college campuses. More than 150 visiting fellows have spent about 500 weeks at 108 campuses over the past four years. Most of these colleges are private liberal arts colleges.

Founder's fire escape safety questioned

by Tom Lampognana

The fire escape at Founder's Hall is "a tradition. They love it," Don Larson said in an interview earlier this week.

Larson, physical plant manager of St. Michael's, said the structure needs some repair work. However, he is confident that it would be safe in case of a fire. He said the fire escape "technically should not be used on a day to day basis," but added that it would be difficult to stop students from using the stairs.

Founder's Hall, constructed in 1903, is distinguishable not only by its unique shape and location, but also by the fire escape on its north side. The stairway, which was added after the building was constructed, is a steel strtucture extending from the ground to the top floor of Founder's hall.

Bill Morrissey, third floor R.A. and *four year resident of Founder's*, said he believed the fire escape is unsafe and in need of repairs. Morrissey also pointed out the added danger of ice build-up on the stairs during the winter months.

Morrissey, as well as S.A. Facilities Chairman Larry Slamons, also a Founder's resident, recalled an incident last spring when the whole structure pulled away from the building after Zeta house filled the escape for its house picture.

During the summer of 1977 an architect called in to analyze the fire escape deemed it architecturally sound.

Larson noted that Founder's is undergoing extensive repairs. He added that the fire escape will be given "a sprucing up," but also said that eventually an enclosed stairway similar to the one on the south side of Founder's would be the best solution.

EDITORIAL

Sorry . . . .

We would like to take the opportunity to apologize to our readers for the appearance of this week's *Michaelman*.

As you have probably noticed, the print is smaller, headlines are smaller, photography has been cut substantially, and copy constitutes only 50 percent of the paper.

These changes have not been instituted by choice on the part of the editorial board. The action was necessitated because the *Michaelman* budget allotment from the student senate for this year was one third less than last year's allocation.

At Tuesday's senate meeting, the point was made that *the Michaelman* should depend more on advertising revenue for its operation. We are now endeavoring to do so.

Once again, our sincere apology.

—RPB

Pandemonium rules senate

Anyone who was at Tuesday night's senate meeting can only be disgusted by the manner in which the meeting proceeded.

There was not only confusion as to the technicalities of parliamentary procedure, but senators and officers alike were downright rude to each other. At one point the meeting was more like a zoo than a parliamentary proceeding.

Some senators and officers refused to listen to what each other had to say and only repeated their own views without any willingness to compromise. There was no interaction, no real discussion. For the large part, the meeting was merely a group of persons with each individual stating his own views and ignoring what others offered. The one person who did suggest a compromise got nowhere with his proposal.

It is disheartening to realize that some 18-22 year old men and women still haven't realized that most of life is, after all, a compromise. It seems that in today's hurried society of mass everything, the simple art of listening is one that few people have taken the time to cultivate.

— BN

Extensions of power

Brian Rooke's petty politics have again taken their toll on the St. Michael's College community. The resignation of Paula Murphy as Alliot Governing Board chairman came as a shock to those at Tuesday's meeting.

Murphy is an ambitious person who brought several new ideas to the organization of Alliot Hall. Her hard work and ambition will be greatly missed.

Murphy resigned because of the actions of S.A. President Rooke. He made her job impossible because of his meddling with the governing board and his desire to have the board under the direct control of the S.A. The governing board was established independently of the senate, presumably to minimize the impact of politics on the board's decisions.

The loss of Paula Murphy is tragic, but hopefully all will learn from this mistake.

—RJF

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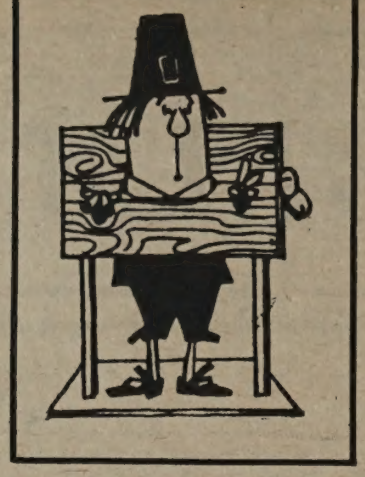

Letters to the editor

To the editor:

I was a bit embarrassed by the appearance of my "letter to the editor" in last week's *Michaelman*. The more imaginative readers may have surmised that it was not written as a "letter to the editor", but was instead a letter to my colleagues on the faculty. Reprinted without benefit of editorial explanation of this fact, it appears as though I was addressing you, the editor, (or the student body), which of course made several of the paragraphs seem totally misplaced.

In point of fact, the reason for the original letter stemmed from what I considered "slippage" in editorial responsibility regarding your advertising policy. This letter is to remind you of another editorial responsibility. You can not make a "letter to the editor" out of a letter to another body (or person) merely by changing the salutation. It is not fair to your readers or to the author.

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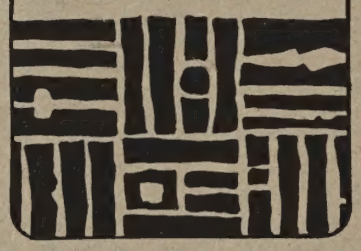

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Noon	Lunch
1:55 p.m.	Economics 101B, Prof. H. Kessel, "Economics and Social Change," J56

During lunch and dinner there will be continuous showings in Alliot Hall of a film entitled "Beneath the North Sea."

Tuesday, Nov. 7

8:30 a.m.	Pol. Sci. 221A, International Politics, Dr. William Wilson, J51
10 a.m.	History 410B (Senior Seminar), Dr. Kuntz, "The Multinational: Imperialistic or Benevolent?" SH112
1 p.m.	Math 410 (Senior Seminar), Prof. Ralph Preston, "Math, the Applied Science," J45
4 p.m.	Economics 410 (Senior Seminar), Prof. Kessel, "Pricing of Non-Renewable Resources," Pope John XXIII.
9 p.m.	Open Reception — Alliot Lounge

Wednesday, Nov. 8

9:35 a.m.	Chemistry 410 (Senior Seminar), Dr. Gianni, "Chemical Research and Oil," S207
12:50 p.m.	Chemistry 100B, Dr. Gilbert Grady, J53

Thursday, Nov. 9

8:30 a.m.	Physics 131A., Dr. Casavant, "Advances in Solar Energy," S107.
11:30 a.m.	Pol. Sci. 221 B (International Politics), Dr. William Wilson, "International Relations and the Multinationals," J51
8 p.m.	Public Lecture: "Will There Be an Energy Shortage?" McCarthy Arts Center.

Friday, Nov. 10

10:40 a.m.	Biology 405, Dr. Klein, "Protein and Petroleum," J308
12:50 p.m.	Biology 321, Dr. Dan Bean, "Biomass," J308

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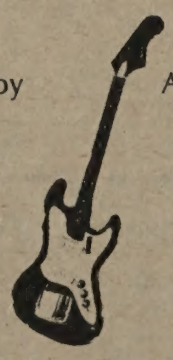

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S.A. vs. Athletics

by Jim Kenyon
Sports Editor

When the smoke cleared and the lights came back on, the final score was 30-21.

Unfortunately this particular game was not like any of those decided on the athletic field or court. When the St. Michael's Student Association voted Tuesday evening to accept the budget proposed by its financial committee, it was a game of politics, a dirty game at that.

Unlike most games, the SA's decision, resulting in the Michaelman budget being reduced from last year's $10,300 to $6,800, had no referees or boundaries. If it is possible to have a winner in a contest of this nature, Timothy P. Guidera and his financial committee would get the laurels of victory. An assist should also go to the SA's executive board because without its effort and support this injustice might never have occurred.

While certain members of the SA find the taste of victory sweet, there is no doubt that a great deal of harm has been done. In a decision that has the potential for paralyzing the effectiveness of the school's official newspaper there are no true winners, and the only real losers are the students of St. Michael's.

In what respect do the things mentioned above concern the St. Michael's athletic program? There are few occasions when athletics and politics should be debated in the same arena. This, however, is one occasion.

When the 30 members of the Student Association voted in favor of the budget they approved a $3,500 cut in Michaelman funds and at the same stroke of a pen increased by an amount of $1,100 the budget of the social committee, whose most recent claim to fame is the loss of $3,000 on a concert. The SA's executive board could hardly ask for a better double play combination.

It is unfortunate that the bulk of the student body has to suffer the consequences of the irresponsibility and short sightedness of 30 senators. The Michaelman cut will drastically effect the coverage of the St. Michael's athletic program.

Prior to the SA's decision, considerable strides had been made by the Michaelman sports department to boost the coverage of the intramural program, and to upgrade all sports reporting in general. Now all this is in jeopardy.

It is a fact that nearly 50 percent of the men at St. Michael's and 30 percent of the women participate in at least one intramural sport. It has also been acknowledged by St. Michael's Athletic Director Edward Markey and Intramural Director Zafir Bludevich that the success and continued growth of this school's intramural program is directly related to the Michaelman. "The Michaelman is the means in which to promote intramurals at St. Michael's," Markey said in an interview before Tuesday's Student Association meeting. Markey added, "If the coverage of intramurals had to be eliminated it would be a great disservice to the students". If the importance of the Michaelman to the school's intramural program alone is reason enough to question the judgement of the SA then who should we hold responsible for the decision?

It should be noted that three influential members of the SA, President Brian Rooke, Treasurer Guidera and another vocal opponent of the Michaelman, Arthur "Chip" Mitiguy do not participate in any segment of the school's intramural program. Their concern for athletics at St. Michael's, and in particular intramurals, is another matter that could be raised.

In all games, whether it is an athletic contest or the one played by the Student Association this past Tuesday, there are players who live up to their expectations and others whose efforts fall short.

The biggest disappointment in the SA's game had to be the performance of its athletic chairman, William Carey. How can an individual who is supposedly watching out for the well being of the St. Michael's athletic program in the SA and in particular the intramurals, vote against the Michaelman when he is fully aware it will harm sports coverage? Since Carey did indeed vote in favor of slashing the Michaelman budget by $3,800 it is difficult to see in what respect he is representing the athletic program.

Let us hope that sports and politics do not have to mix again. They are an ugly pair.

Until the Michaelman is awarded sufficient funds to do a respectable job, sports and politics will continue to confront each other at St. Michael's and the students will continue to be the big losers.

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